

The Jamaica (St. Catherine Parish) Global School Health Policies and Practices Survey (G-SHPPS) was completed by 20 schools from January to June 2023. The school response rate was 87%. The results are representative of all public schools in Jamaica (St. Catherine Parish). All schools enrolled both male and female students and all were secondary schools. In addition, 45% were rural schools and 55% were urban schools.

	%	95% CI
<b>SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES</b>		
Percent of schools that regularly provide health services to students, either on school premises only, at a separate facility through a formal agreement with the school, or both	40.0	(16.5-63.5)
<i>School Health Workers (among schools regularly providing health services)</i>		
Percent of schools in which nurses and at least one other type of health worker provide health services to students	75.0	(37.9-100.0)
Percent of schools in which psychologists, counsellors, or social workers provide health services to students	62.5	(21.0-100.0)
Percent of schools that have a health worker available to students two or more days per week on average	100.0	(100.0-100.0)
<i>Health Services for Students (among schools regularly providing health services)</i>		
As part of the health services offered to students, the percent of schools that routinely provide		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ administration of recommended immunizations as a preventive intervention</li> </ul>	37.5	(0.0-79.0)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ nutrition screenings (such as for anaemia, malnutrition, and obesity) for at least most students</li> </ul>	14.3	(0.0-47.5)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ health promotion activities focused on reduced consumption of sugar and sugar-sweetened beverages</li> </ul>	100.0	(100.0-100.0)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ health promotion activities focused on increased physical activity and limited sedentary behavior</li> </ul>	87.5	(59.1-100.0)
As part of the health services offered to students which may include a clinical assessment and subsequent care and support or referral to another facility for care, the percent of schools that routinely provide		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ counselling to prevent violence (including intimate partner violence, sexual violence, gender-based violence, bullying, and gang violence)</li> </ul>	75.0	(37.9-100.0)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ counselling on tobacco, alcohol, and other substance use</li> </ul>	100.0	(100.0-100.0)
<b>SCHOOL PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT</b>		
<i>Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene</i>		
Percent of schools that have soap and water available at handwashing facilities for students	55.0	(31.1-78.9)
Percent of schools that have drinking water protected from outside contamination available for students	89.5	(74.3-100.0)
Percent of schools in which students have access to improved sanitation facilities that are single sex, functional, and private	100.0	(100.0-100.0)
<i>Injury Prevention and Safety</i>		
Percent of schools that routinely inspect playground equipment, sports facilities, fire extinguishers or other equipment to extinguish a fire, school structures and buildings, school grounds, and the water source for safety issues and hazards	45.0	(21.1-68.9)
<b>FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICES</b>		
Percent of schools that provide food and nutrition services to students	95.0	(84.5-100.0)

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<i>Food Preparation (among schools providing food and nutrition services)</i>		
Percent of schools with a policy describing how food served as part of the food and nutrition services should be prepared to maximize its nutritional quality	42.1	(17.7-66.5)
<i>Other Foods and Beverages Available at School</i>		
Percent of schools in which students may purchase foods or beverages from a vending machine, school store, canteen, or snack bar on school premises	100.0	(100.0-100.0)
Among schools in which students may purchase foods or beverages, the percent of schools which have a policy banning the sale of sugar-sweetened beverages to students	60.0	(36.5-83.5)
<i>Food and Nutrition Services Environment</i>		
Percent of schools with a policy prohibiting advertisements or promotions, including sponsorships, for candy, sugar-sweetened beverages, or other unhealthy foods and beverages on school premises	55.0	(31.1-78.9)
<b>HEALTH EDUCATION</b>		
Percent of schools that teach health education	95.0	(84.5-100.0)
Among schools teaching health education, the percent of schools in which a health education teacher or specialist provides most of the health education instruction in the school	94.7	(83.7-100.0)
<i>Content of Health Education (among schools teaching health education)</i>		
Percent of schools that teach students about:		
▪ coping or stress management skills to help them avoid or reduce health risks	100.0	(100.0-100.0)
▪ physical activity and fitness	100.0	(100.0-100.0)
▪ nutrition and dietary behaviour	100.0	(100.0-100.0)
▪ sexual and reproductive health	100.0	(100.0-100.0)
▪ road safety	57.9	(33.5-82.3)
▪ violence and bullying prevention	94.7	(83.7-100.0)
▪ emotional and mental health	94.7	(83.7-100.0)
▪ tobacco and nicotine use prevention	100.0	(100.0-100.0)
▪ alcohol use prevention	100.0	(100.0-100.0)
▪ illicit drug use prevention	100.0	(100.0-100.0)
<b>PHYSICAL EDUCATION</b>		
Percent of schools that teach physical education	100.0	(100.0-100.0)
Among schools teaching physical education, the percent of schools in which a physical education teacher or specialist provides most of the physical education instruction	100.0	(100.0-100.0)
<i>Content of Physical Education (among schools teaching physical education)</i>		
Percent of schools that teach students about:		
▪ movement concepts and skills	100.0	(100.0-100.0)
▪ the value of physical activity for health, enjoyment, challenge, self-expression, and/or social interaction	100.0	(100.0-100.0)

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<i>Facilities and Equipment (among schools teaching physical education)</i>		
Percent of schools that have a safe and clean indoor space and outdoor space for physical education class	20.0	(0.8-39.2)
<i>Physical Activity or Recreation Clubs</i>		
Percent of schools that regularly provide recess or other physical activity breaks to students during the school day	85.0	(67.9-100.0)
<b>SCHOOL GOVERNANCE AND LEADERSHIP</b>		
<i>School Health Councils, Committees, or Teams</i>		
Percent of schools that have an official council, committee, or team responsible for implementing health promoting school policies, programs, and activities	75.0	(54.2-95.8)
Among schools with an official council, committee, or team responsible for implementing health promoting school policies, programs, and activities, the percent of schools in which this group:		
▪ formally includes student representatives	60.0	(32.2-87.8)
▪ identifies student health needs based on a review of relevant data	85.7	(65.0-100.0)
<b>SCHOOL POLICIES AND RESOURCES</b>		
Percent of schools with a school policy that provides a specific plan or guidance for promoting overall student health	50.0	(26.0-74.0)
Percent of schools that regularly monitor, evaluate, or assess the quality of their health promoting policies, programs, or activities	40.0	(16.5-63.5)
Percent of schools with a policy specifically about becoming or continuing to be a health promoting school	35.0	(12.1-57.9)
<i>Bullying and Violence Prevention</i>		
Percent of schools with a policy specifically prohibiting bullying and fighting among students and corporal punishment and physical, emotional, or sexual abuse of students by teachers or other school staff	90.0	(75.6-100.0)
<i>Tobacco Use Prevention</i>		
Percent of schools with a policy prohibiting use of at least some tobacco or nicotine products among students, teachers and other school staff, and visitors on school premises	95.0	(84.5-100.0)
<i>Alcohol Use Prevention</i>		
Percent of schools with a policy prohibiting use of alcohol among students, teachers and other school staff, and visitors on school premises	94.7	(83.7-100.0)
<i>Illicit Drug Use Prevention</i>		
Percent of schools with a policy prohibiting use of illicit drugs among students, teachers and other school staff, and visitors on school premises	94.7	(83.7-100.0)
<i>Crisis Preparedness and Emergency Response</i>		
Percent of schools with a policy on crisis preparedness, response, and recovery from a natural disaster, conflict, pandemic, or other emergency situation	90.0	(75.6-100.0)

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